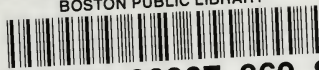


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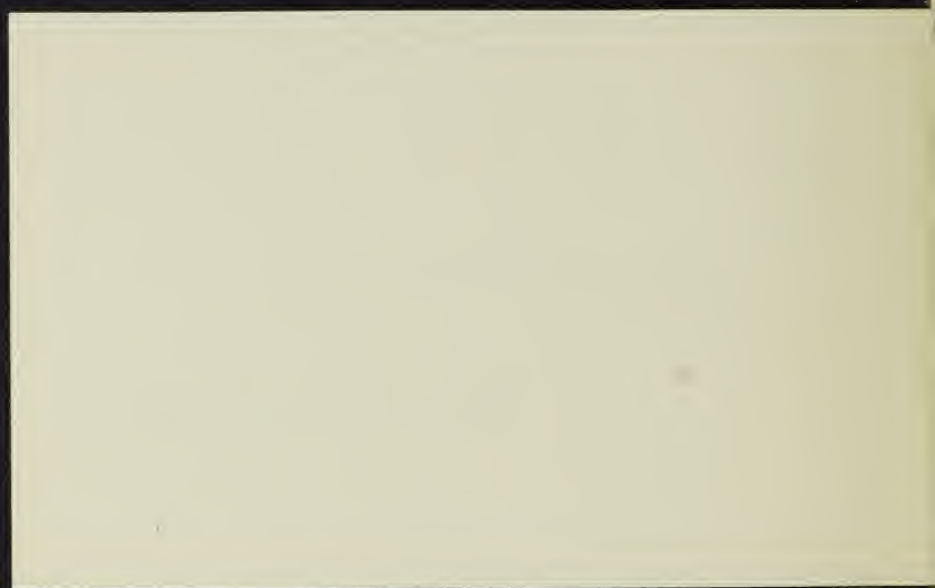




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## TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

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CHARLES E. PHIPPS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES E. PHIPPS . . . . .	Term ends in 1912
JACOB R. MORSE . . . . .	" " 1913
ALBERT W. HERSEY . . . . .	" " 1914
JOHN J. MADDEN . . . . .	" " 1915
FREDERICK E. ATTEAUX . . . . .	" " 1916

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### COMMITTEES.

On Accounts . . . . .	THE ENTIRE BOARD.
On Greenhouses and Grounds . . . . .	MR. ATTEAUX, MR. HERSEY AND MR. MADDEN.
On Employees and Pay Rolls . . . . .	MR. ATTEAUX.
On Purchases and Supplies . . . . .	MR. HERSEY.
On Improvements and Repairs . . . . .	MR. MORSE AND MR. MADDEN.
On Copp's Hill, Bunker Hill, Phipps Street and Bennington Street Grounds . . . . .	MR. ATTEAUX.
On King's Chapel, Granary and Central Grounds . . . . .	MR. MORSE.
On South End South and Eliot (Eustis street) Grounds . . . . .	MR. HERSEY.
On Dorchester North, Dorchester South and Hawes Grounds . . . . .	MR. MADDEN.
On Mount Hope, Evergreen, Walter Street, Westerly, Market Street and Warren Grounds . . . . .	THE ENTIRE BOARD.
JOHN FRANK KEATING . . . . .	<i>Secretary.</i>
LEONARD W. ROSS . . . . .	<i>General Superintendent.</i>

Office of Cemetery Department, 919-920 Tremont Building.

(Post Office Address of Superintendent — Mattapan, Mass.)

## CHAPTER 375.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CEMETERY DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be in the city of Boston a cemetery department, which shall be under the charge of a board of five trustees appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. Said trustees shall, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be appointed, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years and one for the term of five years, each term beginning with the first day of May in said year; and annually thereafter the mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation as aforesaid, one trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and all acts relating to departments and officers of departments in the city of Boston, shall, so far as applicable, apply to said department and the officers and employees thereof.

SECT. 2. Said board shall have charge of Mount Hope Cemetery and of all other burial grounds owned by or in charge of the city of Boston; shall set apart and appropriate a portion of said cemetery as a public burying ground for the use of the inhabitants of said city, free from any charge therefor; shall lay out said cemetery in suitable lots or other subdivisions for family or other burials, with necessary paths and avenues; shall plant and embellish the said cemetery with trees, shrubs, flowers and other rural ornaments; may enclose and divide the same with proper fences; may erect or annex thereto suitable edifices, appendages or conveniences; and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with statutes or ordinances, as they may deem advisable; and shall perform such other duties relative to such cemetery and said burial grounds as the city council may from time to time prescribe. All acts and all ordinances of said city relating to Mount Hope Cemetery shall, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith, apply to said department and the officers in charge thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*[Approved May 10, 1897.]*

ANNUAL REPORT  
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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR 1911-12.

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BOSTON, February 1, 1912.

HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD,  
*Mayor of the City of Boston:*

SIR,— In accordance with chapter 3, section 24, of the Revised Ordinances, the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department present their annual report for the financial year ending January 31, 1912.

This Board organized on May 1, at which time Mr. Charles E. Phipps was elected chairman.

The following officials were appointed by the Board to carry out the work of the department under the direction of the trustees:

Mr. Leonard W. Ross, general superintendent, in control of the work carried on in the cemeteries and burying grounds of the department, with headquarters at Mount Hope Cemetery, and direct supervision of the work in and pertaining to that cemetery.

Mr. John Frank Keating, secretary, as the executive officer of the Board of Trustees, in charge of the department office at 919-920 Tremont Building. The minutes and deeds and the financial transactions of the department are recorded in this office. The secretary, in compliance with the city ordinances, is under bonds.

The following custodians were appointed, and are under direction of the general superintendent:

Mr. Charles P. Harding, Evergreen Cemetery and Market Street Burying Ground.

Mr. John J. Burnes, Dorchester North, Dorchester South and Hawes Burying Grounds.

Mr. Frank L. Turner, Bennington Street Cemetery.

Mr. Augustus M. Lydston, Phipps Street and Bunker Hill Burying Grounds.

Mr. John Norton, Copp's Hill Burying Ground.

King's Chapel, Granary, Central, South End South, Eliot, Kearsarge, Westerly, Walter Street Burying Grounds and Fairview Cemetery are under direct charge of the general superintendent.

Mr. Frederick E. Atteaux was reappointed as a Cemetery Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1916. With the exception of a short period as a member of another department board, Mr. Atteaux has devoted his energies untiringly to the duty devolving upon him as a Cemetery Trustee since the organization of the department in 1897.



DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

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The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows:

## EAST BOSTON.

*Ward 1.*

*Bennington Street*, 157,500 square feet.

## CHARLESTOWN.

*Ward 3.*

*Bunker Hill*, 48,202 square feet.

*Ward 5.*

*Phipps Street*, 76,740 square feet.

## CITY PROPER.

*Ward 6.*

*Copp's Hill*, Hull street, 89,015 square feet.

*King's Chapel*, Tremont street, 19,344 square feet.

*Ward 7.*

*Granary*, Tremont street, 82,063 square feet.

*Central*, Common, 60,693 square feet.

*Ward 12.*

*South End South*, Washington street, 64,570 square feet.

## SOUTH BOSTON.

*Ward 14.*

*Hawes*, Emerson street, 11,232 square feet.

## ROXBURY.

*Ward 17.*

*Eliot*, Eustis street, 34,830 square feet.

*Warren*, Kearsarge avenue, 54,500 square feet.

## DORCHESTER.

*Ward 20.*

*North*, Upham's Corner, 139,802 square feet.

## WEST ROXBURY.

*Ward 23.*

*Mount Hope*, Walk Hill street, 117 acres and 36,536 square feet. Opposite Mount Hope are two lots of unused land on *Berry Street*, north corner Manning street, 7,150 square feet; and

*Berry Street*, south corner Manning street, 5,262 square feet.

*Westerly*, Centre street, 39,450 square feet.

*Walter Street*, 35,100 square feet.

## DORCHESTER.

*Ward 24.*

*South*, Dorchester avenue, 95,462 square feet.

## BRIGHTON.

*Ward 25.*

*Evergreen*, Commonwealth avenue, 604,520 square feet.

*Market Street*, 18,072 square feet.

## HYDE PARK.

*Ward 26.*

*Fairview Cemetery*, Fairview avenue, about fifty acres.

## CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Burying Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Burying Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in the Copp's Hill Burying Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Burying Ground; one for infants in the Chapel Burying Ground; one in the Central Burying Ground for infants; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery; and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

*To the Trustees of the Cemetery Department, City of Boston:*

GENTLEMEN,—I submit herewith my third annual report as General Superintendent of this department for the year beginning February 1, 1911, and ending January 31, 1912.

A detailed statement of the work performed during the year is as follows:

	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Sundry Work.
Mount Hope.....	1,603	28	717	1,195	98	195	135	190	224	187
Evergreen.....	107	6	51	177	33	86	90	25	2	34
Bennington Street.....	22									
Fairview.....	17									
Phipps Street.....	16									
Dorchester North.....	11	.....	.....	46	.....	59	3	6	.....	16
Dorchester South.....	10	.....	.....	9	.....	11	.....	2	.....	.....
Granary.....	2									
Central.....	1									
Westerly.....	1									
Totals.....	1,790	34	768	1,427	131	351	228	223	226	237

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.—Chapel used for burial service thirty-four times; receiving tomb used twenty-eight times.

Land sold for burial purposes: For lots 2,732 square feet, and for graves 14,340 square feet.

Land improvements, in square feet: 51,958 in lots regraded and seeded; 55,000 not in lots regraded and seeded; 10,000 regraded in fall of 1910 and seeded in spring of 1911; 9,031 regraded and ready for seed; 15,840 regraded and sodded; 15,202 prepared for lots; 12,600 of avenues reconstructed; 49,118 of avenues macadamized; 6,000 square yards of avenues resurfaced with stone dust; 5,000 square yards of paths reconstructed and surfaced; 3,400 cubic feet of filling removed; 600 tons of stone crushed and placed on avenues; 100 cords of stable manure hauled and used in cemetery; 525 grave markers and 35 lot markers set; 20 markers received from United States Government and set at graves of veterans; 11 brick graves built.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY.—Services held in cemetery lodge ten times; receiving tomb used five times.

Land sold for burial purposes: For lots 845 square feet, and for graves 1,224 square feet.

Land improvements, in square feet: 2,265 prepared for single graves; 2,500 sodded; 700 regraded and seeded; 600 lineal feet of avenues resurfaced; 20 boundary posts set; 3 trees removed; 3 brick graves built.

MARKET STREET GROUND.—Stone wall repointed.

DORCHESTER NORTH BURYING GROUND.—Three thousand and seventy-four square feet of land on perpetual care lots graded; 1,150 plants and 500 tulip bulbs set out; 7 trees removed and 31 trimmed; entrance gates, sign posts and lot fence painted; 2 tombs repaired; receiving tomb used once.

DORCHESTER SOUTH BURYING GROUND.—Two lot fences painted; 1 marker set; receiving tomb used five times.

PHIPPS STREET BURYING GROUND.—Part of wooden boundary fence rebuilt and painted; tool house repaired; 4 graves raised; 72 stones reset; 6 trees removed and 16 trimmed; 3 tombs pointed; 1 monument straightened and tablet reset, at expense of owners.

BUNKER HILL CEMETERY.—Part of wooden boundary fence rebuilt, and iron fence repaired; tool house repaired; 11 graves raised; 43 stones reset; 4 trees removed and 30 trimmed.

BENNINGTON STREET CEMETERY.—Tool house repaired.

KING'S CHAPEL BURYING GROUND.—Five tombs repaired; entrance to infant tomb sealed.

COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND.—Four tombs repaired; iron fence repaired; 12 trees removed.

CENTRAL BURYING GROUND.—Three tombs repaired.

GRANARY BURYING GROUND.—Two tombs repaired; entrance to infant tomb sealed.

EUSTIS STREET BURYING GROUND.—Two tombs repaired.

At Mount Hope Cemetery a long needed improvement is in process of completion at the Mount Hope street entrance. The old wooden gates and entrance way at this point are being demolished. The set of granite piers and iron gates formerly used at the front entrance on Walk Hill street have been erected at the Mount Hope street entrance, and with the opening of the spring season the grading and planting at this point will prove a most satisfying improvement. The chapel and administration buildings were gone over completely, and all loose mortar joints raked out and repointed. This not only improves the appearance of these buildings, but restores their durability by closing the joints to the inclemency of the weather. The interior walls of the chapel were thoroughly cleansed and renovated. The brick foundation wall under the greenhouse was rebuilt, and two Castle automatic circulators were attached to the heating system. At the greenhouses we have propagated and are growing



this winter a much larger quantity and better assortment of plants for use this coming summer. The work of improving the lots has been vigorously continued as well as borders around them, and much remains to be done. During the year 270 lots and the borders around the same have been completely trenched to the full loam depth, fertilized and reseeded or resodded.

At King's Chapel ground an unusual amount of work was done, consisting of new loam and sodding of surface, and planting of borders and other areas to a much larger extent than in other years. About 20,000 plants of various kinds were used in this work. Expressions of appreciation by a multitude of visitors to this historic ground are appreciated. The usual amount of work was performed on the trees.

I regret to report that the Granary ground is not in a satisfactory condition owing to a lack of sufficient appropriation.

Trees and shrubs have been pruned, and the usual amount of work has been done for the care of the ground.

At the Central ground several large trees were removed, as they were in a dying condition. A considerable amount of pruning has been done to the other trees. It is regrettable that sufficient funds were not available to enable us to keep this ground in a condition which its historical nature would warrant.

More than the usual amount of attention has been given the Westerly ground. The trees have been pruned and sprayed, and a portion of the area has been regraded and seeded.

The tree men have been actively employed in the various grounds in the suppression of the insect infestation which has caused such havoc to trees and shrubs. This work must be pushed with vigor all the time in order that proper results may be accomplished.

The custodians of the various cemeteries of the department have generally rendered faithful services during the past year. Please accept an expression of my warm appreciation for the continued courtesy and consideration shown me by the members of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD W. ROSS,  
*General Superintendent.*

## REGULAR APPROPRIATION.

February 1, 1911, appropriation	\$75,000 00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	2,857 03
Interest on Perpetual Care Fund	5,504 07
Total expenditures	<u>\$83,361 10</u>

Proceeds from sale of lots and graves and for general cemetery work by department and deposited to credit of general income of city

\$25,580 92

## Money Earned for the City from February 1, 1911, to January 31, 1912.

	Mount Hope.	Evergreen.	Dorchester North.	Dorchester South.	Bennington Street.	Fairview.	Phipps Street.	Granary.	Central.	Westerly.	King's Chapel.	Copp's Hill.	Totals.
Lots sold.....	\$3,659 00	\$1,267 50											\$4,926 50
Graves sold.....	5,829 00	795 00				\$5 00							6,629 00
Opening graves.....	6,570 00	485 50	\$53 00	\$53 00	\$95 00	66 00	\$47 50	\$30 00	\$15 00	\$20 00			7,435 00
Care.....	1,247 50	629 50	318 00	55 00									2,250 00
Foundations.....	1,157 05	159 90	56 20	18 80									1,391 95
Planting.....	752 75	3 50	22 00										778 25
Receiving tomb.....	489 00	59 00		35 00		2 00							585 00
Brick graves, concrete vaults.....	271 40	60 00								5 00			336 40

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

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## Expenditures for Fiscal Year of

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.	Office Expenses.	Mount Hope.	Evergreen and Market St.	Dorchester North.	Phipps St. and Bunker Hill.	Copp's Hill.	Dorchester South.
Labor.....		\$50,134 19	\$4,818 38	\$2,114 75	\$1,069 25	\$823 00	\$862 50
Removing snow.....				50 00	25 00	105 00	35 00
Superintendent, salary.....	\$2,500 00						
Secretary, salary.....	1,495 52						
Clerk, messenger.....	1,854 84						
Pension.....	140 63						
{ Tools, hardware, etc.....		1,319 75	64 85		3 00	50	
{ Steam roller, rental.....		953 83					
{ Repairs include brick, lumber, cement.....		1,189 19	53 44	39 55		54 12	14 32
Erecting boundary wire railing.....		400 05					
Greenhouse wall, chapel wall, and gateway restored.....		311 55					
Piers, new rear entrance.....		254 00					
New fences.....					254 50		
Pointing wall, Market street..			65 00				
Fuel.....		1,817 81	86 10			12 05	
Horse feed.....		1,620 80	275 00				
{ Vehicle repairs.....		73 39	23 25				
{ One new horse.....		300 00					
{ Wagon and caravan.....		350 00					
Auto supplies and repairs.....		523 55					
Seeds, plants, sods.....		456 11	43 00	45 00			
Electric light service.....		279 76	12 00				
Flower pots.....		219 16					
{ Furniture, office and house..		103 92	19 34				
{ Uniforms, employees.....		91 50	56 00				
Harness, stable supplies.....		178 33	12 30				
{ Stationery, directory.....	35 95	59 81	30	10			
{ Postage.....	39 00	42 40	8 00	8 00			
{ New typewriter.....		72 90					
Manure, fertilizer.....		152 00	15 00				
Printing, binding.....	197 60	147 46	11 64				
Water rates.....		122 50	47 50		12 00		10 00
Telephone service.....	86 47	108 28	31 62	26 60			
Cartage, team hire.....		86 89			24 50	1 25	
Markers.....		73 20	11 40	20 95			1 75
Shoeing, veterinary service.....		57 18	50 00				
Carfares.....	5 16	31 65			1 20		
Surety bonds.....	20 00	11 00	6 00	5 00			
Writing expert.....	50 00						
Totals.....	\$6,425 17	\$61,542 16	\$5,710 12	\$2,309 95	\$1,389 45	\$995 92	\$923 57



# 1911-12. Regular Appropriation.

Bennington Street.	Granary.	King's Chapel.	Eliot.	Westerly.	Hawes.	South End South.	Fairview.	Central.	Walter Street.	Totals.
\$795 00	\$754 37	\$612 87	\$393 88	\$362 50	\$232 25	\$146 75	\$175 60	\$89 75	\$14 75	\$63,399 79 }
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\$879 72	\$868 22	\$750 46	\$453 33	\$362 50	\$247 25	\$206 75	\$175 60	\$106 18	\$14 75	\$83,361 10

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

*Evergreen Cemetery, Development of Land.*

Appropriation authorized October 5, 1909 . . . . .	\$13,000 00
Expended to January 31, 1911 . . . . .	11,965 23
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Balance . . . . .	\$1,034 77
Expenditures, 1911-12:	
Labor . . . . .	\$200 25
Grass seed . . . . .	98 16
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	298 41
Balance . . . . .	<u>\$736 36</u>

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

*Dorchester North Burying Ground.*

Appropriation authorized December 19, 1911 . . . . .	<u>\$9,000 00</u>
Fairview Cemetery:	
January 1, 1912, received from town of Hyde Park, unexpended earnings . . . . .	\$11,953 28

## SUMMARY.

The appropriation for 1911 did not warrant the expenditure of sums for many necessary improvements which we believe are imperative. As stated in other years, there are twelve cemeteries under the control of the department which have been in existence over one hundred years, and on account of conditions the proper maintenance of these grounds must be borne almost entirely by appropriation from the city treasury. These grounds are situated in various parts of the city, and their neat and orderly appearance would reflect credit upon city administration. We urge you to appropriate \$20,000 to be expended entirely upon these grounds, as a necessary improvement, and which sum will substantially commence the work of improvement. The annexation of Hyde Park brought to this department Fairview Cemetery, a burying ground of about fifty acres, and one used by all classes of citizens of Hyde Park. The unexpended earnings received from Hyde Park on account of this cemetery amounted to \$11,953.28, of which a large portion is involved in a purchase of additional land which is under legal inspection for

adjustment. As we assumed control only one month ago little can be said as to probable receipts and expenses, but it is certain that much must be done to equal the standard adopted for the other department cemeteries. The custodian, Mr. George E. Whiting, was retained until February 1, when the general superintendent was instructed to assume personal supervision.

Special consideration has been given to the subject of department income. In addition to the secretary, four employees who are authorized to receive moneys have been bonded. The increased cost for labor and supplies has been felt in the department, and realizing the necessity of readjusting prices for work performed, the following circular was sent to lot and grave owners. The circular is self explanatory:

*To Lot and Grave Owners:*

You are hereby advised that the following prices are now effective at Mount Hope Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery and Dorchester North and Dorchester South Burying Grounds for work on lots and graves for the season of 1912. These prices will remain in force until further notice:

Annual care of sodded grave . . . . .	\$1 00
Annual care of two-grave private lots . . . . .	2 00
Annual care of other private lots less than 100 square feet . . . . .	3 00
Annual care of private lots from 100 to less than 200 square feet . . . . .	4 00
Annual care of private lots from 200 to less than 300 square feet . . . . .	5 00
Annual care of private lots of 300 square feet or more,	7 00

The above annual care consists of well mowed and well kept sod, and raising all sunken graves without extra charge; and it applies only when lots and graves are in reasonable condition for care when order is given.

Grading and sodding grave . . . . .	\$3 00
Preparing center for flowers and sodding edges . . . . .	2 00
Planting grave (not including preparing) . . . . .	1 50
Preparing and planting grave . . . . .	3 50
Annual care of grave planted with flowers . . . . .	2 00
Planting borders, \$3 and \$5, according to size of lot.	
Planting vases, \$3 or more, according to size of vase.	
Planting or replanting grave with myrtle . . . . .	12 00
Annual care of myrtled grave, including remyrting . . . . .	5 00
Planting or replanting grave with euonymus . . . . .	12 00
Annual care of euonymus grave, including replanting,	3 00

All work not included in the above will be individually considered, and prices given upon request.

*Bills Unpaid.*—No orders will be accepted for work to be performed on lots or graves if the books of this department show a bill remaining unpaid in any year since 1897.

*Orders for Future Work.*—All orders for work to be performed on lots or graves will be accepted only when such work is *paid for in advance*.

A blank order for this year is inclosed. Kindly state on same what work you wish performed, sign your name and address, and return the order with amount of money necessary to pay in advance for the work specified. Put number of your lot or grave on order.

If the order is returned at once, the department will be enabled to give it early and careful attention, which will produce the best results.

*Perpetual Care.*—A uniform charge is made of 50 cents per square foot for perpetual care, and this amount is placed at interest by the city. The bond issued guarantees that during the existence of the city an amount equal to 4 per cent of the total deposited is spent each year for care. Thus, whether you are living or dead, the bond of the city guarantees that your lot will never be neglected, and the lot is plainly marked as a perpetual care lot. Please call or write for cost of perpetual care of your lot.

After February 1, 1912, permission to erect monuments, headstones, grave markers or other structures upon any lot or grave in the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of this department, will not be granted or erection allowed until after a sketch or photograph showing dimensions of same has been submitted to the superintendent for approval by the trustees.

The rule of payment in advance for all work performed, which was effective in 1911 for the first time, was received by lot and grave owners in the true business spirit and occasioned no friction. There was an increase of \$200 in receipts for work on lots and graves, to which this rule applied. The total amount collected from all sources, except for perpetual care, since the organization of this department in 1897, is \$373,255.03. There was due the department from all sources on January 31, 1912, \$1,085.60,—or slightly more than one quarter of 1 per cent,—a decrease of about \$900 indebtedness from last year.

The new rule, effective from February 1, 1912, requiring that all structures on lots or graves shall be approved by the trustees before erection is a sensible regulation



of this important part of cemetery supervision. Enforcement of this rule must be of benefit to lot owners and enhance the appearance of the cemetery.

A peculiar condition arose this year in relation to bodies in the receiving tombs. Upon making inquiry we learned that there were several instances where the relatives of deceased persons were absolutely opposed to earth burial or cremation, and expressed themselves as willing to pay indefinitely the monthly receiving tomb rent. To accept this proposition would of course mean the final closing of the receiving tomb to any more bodies, the spaces being occupied by those permanently there. In viewing the situation (having made no agreement covering permanent occupancy) we were of opinion that with the exception of unusual cases no body shall remain in the receiving tomb for a period exceeding one year, and this has been made part of the by-laws.

The pension system for veterans, effective in 1911, resulted in the pensioning of an assistant gardener, eighty-six years old, who received \$2.25 per day.

The pension system for employees who are laborers, to be effective in 1912, will retire five employees in this department.

At Mount Hope Cemetery a new filing system applicable to burials is about completed, which consolidates information relative to lots and interments. This replaces a hitherto complex system, and places the information desired easy of access.

A six-ton double drive tandem Buffalo steam roller became the absolute property of the department by the payment of the final instalment of \$500 in 1911.

One old horse was, upon the advice of the veterinarian, painlessly killed, and one new horse was purchased.

The development of a portion of Evergreen Cemetery, which has been carried on under special appropriation made in 1909, is now practically completed. Allowing liberally for avenues and ornamental spaces, we have now 405 lots ranging from three graves to seventeen graves in each lot, and we are pleased to say that lot sales have already commenced. The avenues and paths have been named Evergreen and Western avenues, and Hawthorn, Magnolia, Laurel and Woodbine paths.

At Phipps Street ground it became necessary to rebuild 148 feet of wooden boundary fence. At Bunker Hill ground 164 feet of wooden boundary fence was reconstructed.

Near the close of 1911 your Honor and members of the City Council made an inspection of the Dorchester North Burying Ground at the request of this Board. As a result of that visit it was impressed upon each member of the party that immediate steps were necessary to place the boundary fence and the street wall in proper condition. The present condition of the fences places them beyond repair, and the wall now standing will be removed. We will at once take steps to have plans prepared and proceed to the erection of a new wall around this historic ground which was established by the citizens of Dorchester in 1633. As this subject has been agitated by this Board for several years we are especially pleased that you have concurred in our opinion, and we kindly acknowledge the special appropriation of \$9,000 which has already been made for this improvement.

We cannot conclude this report without recognizing heartily the increased interest shown during your administration by you personally and by the City Council in the welfare of this department and the improvement of the city cemeteries. For this earnest cooperation we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

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